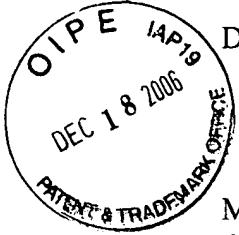


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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE EXAMINER INTERVIEWS**

On or about October 30, 2006 and November 10, 2006, Examiner Troung and Applicant's representative participated in telephonic interviews regarding U.S. Patent Application 10/658,852. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for her time in conducting those interviews. The following statements summarize the substance of those interviews.

October 30, 2006 Interview – The Examiner and Applicant's representative discussed whether either U.S. Patent 6,122,640 to Pereira ("Pereira") or U.S. Patent 6,192,365 to Draper ("Draper") taught each of the elements of Claims 1 and 8, specifically the step of baselining a table to obtain "storage information comprising the average row length of the rows in the table and the average free space in the table." The Examiner asserted that Pereira taught the claimed limitation, but no consensus was reached.

November 10, 2006 Interview – The Examiner and Applicant's representative discussed whether the Examiner could amend Claims 22, 28 and 29 to place them in condition for allowance, as set forth in the Examiner's Amendment mailed November 24, 2006. The Applicant's representative granted the Examiner permission to make those changes.

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